



# Howard County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved

Operating Budget Work Session #2  
Web-based Virtual Meeting  
Friday, May 7, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Members Present: Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; David Yungmann.

Council Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor.

Budget Office Present: Holly Sun, Brook Mamo, Jennifer Dennis, Paul McIntyre, Andrew Galarza, Jimmy Kwak

Auditor Office Present: Craig Glendenning, Ed Shulder, Owen Clark, Lisa Geerman, Maya Cameron, Michael Martin, and Melanie Bishop

Administration Staff Present: Noted below.

## Legislative and Judicial

### Circuit Court

Judge Tucker provided Council with an overview of their FY2022 Operating Budget highlighting the move to the new courthouse. Circuit Court staff responded to Council questions about the impact of COVID and court cases.

### Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Gibson provided Council with an overview of their FY2022 Operating Budget, including information about the move to the new Courthouse and the Body Worn Camera program.

Council requested additional information about how open warrants are prioritized and details of staffing for the new courthouse.

### State's Attorney

Mr. Gibson provided a brief presentation of the State's Attorney's Office, highlighting the Body Worn Camera program and new initiatives requested to support this program. Mr. Gibson provided responses to Council questions about their FY2022 Operating Budget and the changes as a result of Body Worn Cameras. Mr. Gibson provided overview and benefits of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program (LEAD) which will launch in FY2022 and provides an alternative solution to criminal prosecution.

The Council requested the Administration provide a comprehensive report indicating the impact of the Body Worn Camera Program across all Departments within the County and showing a comparison to other local jurisdictions.

### Orphan's Court

Judge Anne Dodd provided an overview of Orphan's Court and the FY2022 Operating Budget. Additional discussion about the COVID pandemic which created a backlog in cases as Courts were closed March 2020 through July 2020.

### Board of Elections

Mr. Mickley responded to Council questions about the FY2022 Board of Elections Operating Budget. Including information about election process during pandemic, Poll Book, and the effects of the delay in Census information on redistricting.

### Office of Law

Mr. Kuc provided an overview of the FY2022 Operating Budget for Office of Law. An Equity Pay analysis was conducted, adjustments in salary are included in the proposed budget.

### Non-Departmental Expenses

Dr. Sun provided an overview of Non-Departmental Expenses which includes; Debt Service, Pay-As-You-GO funding, Bond funding, Other Post-Employment Benefits, Grant funding and Contingency Reserves. The Administration responded to Council questions about Pay-As-You-Go funds; Housing and Community Renewal Program; Downtown Columbia Art Center; pandemic relief; Other Post-Employment Benefits and funding for Merriweather.

### Corrections

Ms. Acuff joins Howard County as the Director of Corrections beginning May 3, 2021. Ms. King-Wessels provided an overview of the FY2022 Operating Budget for Corrections. Highlights included discussion about the termination of the ICE contract; COVID response; and current trends on methods to reduce incarceration.

Council will include a follow up discussion of Body Worn Camera during the Friday, May 17, 2021 Work Session #5.

The Meeting concluded at 3:41 pm

### **Administration Attendees for Friday, May 7, 2021**

#### **Operating Budget Work Session #2**

##### **Legislative and Judicial**

- Circuit Court
  - William Tucker
  - Jennifer Keiser
  - Deidre Barksdale
- Sheriff's Office
  - Marcus Harris
  - Mark Verderaine
  - Nancy Nguyen
- State's Attorney
  - Richard Gibson
  - Christopher Sandmann
  - Vicki Rand
- Orphan's Court
  - Judge Anne Dodd

- Board of Elections
  - Guy Mickley
- Office of Law
  - Gary Kuc
  - Kristen Perry
  - Maria Schmidt

##### **Non-Departmental Expenses**

- Rafiu Ighile
- Angela Price
- Jacqueline Scott
- Rose Burton
- Megan Godfrey

##### **Corrections**

- Jana Acuff
- Andrea King-Wessels
- Diana Pettit